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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING METALOCENES

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 4, 2000, kindly enter the following amendment.

Enter amended claim 1, as follows:

1. A process for preparing a metallocene, which comprises reacting a ligand starting compound with an adduct of the formula (I),

 $M^1X_nD_a$

(1)

where M^1 is a metal of group III, IV, V or VI of the Periodic Table of the Elements or an element of the lanthanide or actinide series, X are identical or different and are each halogen, C_1 - C_{10} -alkoxy, C_6 - C_{10} -aryloxy, C_1 - C_{10} -alkylsulfonate [such as mesylate, triflate, nonaflate] C_6 - C_{10} -arylsulfonate [such as tosylate, benzenesulfonate], C_1 - C_{10} -alkylcarboxylate [such as acetate, formate, oxalate] or

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